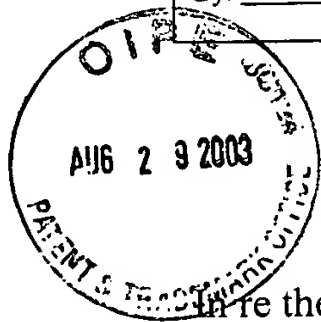


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Re the application of:

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Filed: October 11, 2001

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR INCREASING SKIN  
REMODELING

Examiner: R. Teller

Art Unit: 1654

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2003, which set forth the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method for stimulating skin remodeling, classified in Class 530, subclass 300.

II. Claim 16, drawn to a method of inhibiting the development of a scar, classified in Class 530, subclass 300.

The Office also set forth a requirement to select from among patentably distinct species of ionic metals, and from a group of peptides. The Office also requests Applicant to select from a patentably distinct sequence.

Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15, the ionic metal species of copper(II), and peptide prepared by hydrolysis of the soybean protein. This election is readable on claims 1-

10 and 13-15. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of non-elected groups and species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement to select a "sequence." There is no polypeptide sequence set forth in the claims from which to select. If this requirement is to be maintained, Applicant's representative would appreciate clarification of the Office's requirement so that an informed decision can be made. If a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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